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From: Commanding Officer, USS CORONADO (AGF 11)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2002

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

1. Per reference (a), the command history for USS CORONADO (AGF 11), UIC 07194, is submitted for the period 1 January to 31 December 2002.

2. Background/Basic Historical Narrative. USS CORONADO (AGF 11) was commissioned on May 23, 1970 as an Amphibious Transport Dock (LPD) ship designed to land Marines and their equipment ashore during amphibious assaults. Built by Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company in Seattle, Washington, and launched on July 1, 1966, USS CORONADO was re-designated as a Command and Control Ship (AGF) in 1980. Prior to assuming her role with THIRD FLEET, the ship was command ship for Commander, U.S. Middle East Force and Commander, SIXTH Fleet. USS CORONADO serves as the Command and Control Ship for the Commander, THIRD Fleet, based out of Naval Submarine Base Point Loma, San Diego, California. The foremost responsibility of THIRD FLEET and USS CORONADO is the protection of the western approaches of the United States. USS CORONADO's mission is to provide forward presence and on-scene command and control capabilities for THIRD FLEET and staff.

Chain of Command:

(1) Executive Office

Commanding Officer	CAPT Kevin M. Donegan
Executive Officer	LCDR Frank C. Jones
Command Master Chief	CMDCM (SW/AW) Ruben Paquian

(2) Department Heads

Command Chaplain	LCDR (b) (6)
Dental Officer	LCDR
Chief Engineer	LCDR
Operations Officer	LCDR
Air Boss	LCDR
Supply Officer	LT (b) (6)
1st Lieutenant	LT
Communication Officer	LT
Medical Officer	LT
Administration Officer	LT

3. Special Topics

a. **Command Awards**

(1) 2002 Pacific Fleet, Large Afloat (Runner-up) Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award

(2) Commander, Amphibious Group THREE Energy Conservation Award

(3) Maritime Warfare Excellence Award

(4) Command, Control, Communications and Information Warfare Excellence Award

(5) Supply Management Excellence Award

b. **2002 Underway Schedule**

(1) CORONADO spent 53 days at sea conducting various operations in support of Commander, THIRD Fleet.

07 JAN - 14 MAR	Phased Maintenance Availability
15 MAR - 18 MAR	Type Training (Sea Trials)
19 MAR - 31 MAR	Type Training
02 APR - 04 APR	Type Training
15 APR - 18 APR	Type Training
23 APR - 23 APR	Type Training
26 APR - 26 APR	Type Training
06 MAY - 13 MAY	LINCOLN Battle Group JTFEX
18 MAY - 18 MAY	CORONADO/C3F Family Day Sail
18 JUN - 20 JUN	Transit to San Francisco, CA
24 JUN - 27 JUN	Transit to San Diego, CA
08 JUL - 12 JUL	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training
30 JUL - 31 JUL	MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE 02 (Underway)
19 - 21 AUG	Type Training
23 AUG	Change of Command (Inport)
09 - 12 SEP	Transit to Mazatlan, Mexico
16 - 20 SEP	Transit to San Diego, CA/TSTA
01 - 10 OCT	TSTA/Underway Demo
21 - 30 OCT	CONSTELLATION Battle Group JTFEX
12 - 15 NOV	Underway Demo
09 - 11 DEC	Final Evaluation Period

(2) CORONADO commenced a Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Pier M, Naval Submarine Base Point Loma on 9 January. Southwest Marine Incorporated was the lead contractor.

(3) PMA was completed 13 March followed by a successful Sea Trial from 15-18 March.

(4) From the end of March 2002 to the end of April 2002 conducted ship check and type training (TYT)

(5) CORONADO was underway from 6-13 May in support of ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group JTFEX.

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(6) CORONADO with THIRD FLEET staff embarked conducted a Community Relations family day sail on 18 May with 300 family members and dependents onboard. Guests experienced a variety of shipboard operations including a welcome on the flight deck from the Commanding Officer, Chief of Staff, Fleet Master Chief and Command Master Chiefs; a Sea and Anchor detail; an AH-1W (Super Cobra) and UH-1N (Huey) fly-by; and a "steel beach" picnic

(7) Departed San Diego 18 June and arrived 20 June in San Francisco, CA for liberty port visit. San Francisco provides a variety of activities for all to enjoy including tourist attractions, professional sporting events, museums, shopping, etc. The Commanding gave special thanks to Nancy Gorrell and the San Francisco Navy League. While underway, CORONADO conducted various exercises in preparation for CART II. Transited to San Diego from 24-27 June.

(8) From 8-12 July CORONADO executed a very successful CART II evolution. Among the training exercises completed were a precision anchorage, a nighttime UNREP, flight operations including a crash and simulated VERTREP, various engineering drills including a Main Space Fire Drill, and a GQ set daily for ship-wide training.

(9) While underway on 30 and 31 JUL, CORONADO provided solid communications and connectivity for Joint Forces Training during Millennium Challenge 2002 (MC02), the congressionally mandated joint exercise designed as a transformational experiment. MC02 was the largest Joint Experiment in the history of the U. S. military. Underneath the broad scope of MC02 the Navy conducted Fleet Battle Experiment Juliet (FBE-J), a multifaceted experiment that evaluated new technologies, concepts and platforms in a futuristic wartime scenario. Set in 2007, the nucleus of the intricate operation was the USS CORONADO (AGF 11). As the Navy's designated Sea Based Battle Lab (SBBL), CORONADO provided the critical elements necessary for experimenting with prototype command and control systems and software.

(10) The completion of MC02 was conducted inport 1-15 August.

(11) From 19-21 August 2002, conducted ship check and type training (TYT).

(12) CORONADO conducted it's Change of Command ceremony on 23 August 2003.

(13) Departed San Diego 9 September and arrived 12 September in Mazatlan, Mexico, for a liberty port visit. The opportunity to moor pierside greatly enhanced the liberty experience for the crew. CORONADO sent an advance party to Mazatlan prior to transit, in order to facilitate preparations for the port visit. A two-man team was able to observe the harbor entrance, photograph navigational aids, set up tours, hotels, and several ship functions. Having the husbanding agent accompany the ship during the transit to Mazatlan immeasurably helped tourist excursions as well as providing an insider's point of view during the port visit brief.

(14) CORONADO executed many required exercises required for TSTA certification on the return transit to San Diego, 16-20 September.

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(15) CORONADO continued to excel during underway TSTA qualifications from 1-10 October. Under guidance to prepare as quickly as possible for deployment, the ship remained underway through the planned in-port period encompassing San Diego Fleet Week 2002 (4-6 October). The ship completed numerous training exercises and certifications, including the vital engineering underway demonstration, achieving an overall operational adjective grade of "above average" (87.5%).

(16) CORONADO was underway from 21-30 October in support of the USS CONSTELLATION Joint Task Force Exercise.

(17) Completed Final Evaluation Period 9-11 December 2002 with a final grade of "pass."

b. SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

- (1) March - LT (b) (6) relieved LT (b) (6) as Supply Officer.
- (2) June - Began phased wall-to-wall inventory of all repair parts in S-1.
- (3) June - Automated Teller Machine upgraded to version seven.
- (4) June - Installed R-Supply system update Birch in S-1.
- (5) July - Installed latest Defense Joint Military Pay System software upgrade in S-4.
- (6) October - Hazardous Materials Storeroom upgraded.
- (7) November - Began phased wall-to-wall inventory of all repair parts in S-1.
- (8) November - Inspected for NEY award.
- (9) December - Food Service Afloat Training Team assist visit.
- (10) December - Effectiveness Inspection
- (11) December -- Began renovation of Wardroom.
- (12) Fiscal Year stock turn 8.44. Ship's Store made \$234,000.00, turned \$52,000.00 over to MWR and was nominated for Best Sales/Service and Best Ship's Store Afloat with an LMA score of 94.25.

c. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

- (1) Number of personnel assigned:
 - Officer: 1
 - Enlisted: 8
- (2) Number of patients seen: 567
- (3) Number of personnel on light duty: 84
- (4) Number of personnel placed on bed rest: 64

(5) Current Immunization Percentage: 92%

(6) Current HIV Percentage: 94%

(7) Current Major Collateral Duties:

LT (b) (6) - Department Head; MTT Leader.

HMCS (b) (6) - Division Officer; MTT Co-Leader; Tricare Service Officer; Asbestos Control Program Officer; Medical Waste Disposal Officer.

HMC (b) (6) - Heat Stress Program Officer; Preventive Medicine Program Officer; MTT member; Health Promotion Officer.

HM1 (b) (6) - MTT Coordinator; DCPO; CMD Lay Reader; Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator; CMD Retention Team member.

HM2 (b) (6) - MTT member; MWR Representative.

HM2 - Heat Stress surveyor.

(8) Other events:

Feb 13 - COMPHIBGRU-3/Medical monthly visit.
March 4 - CPR/First Aid/Tricare training held for Command Indoc.
March 14 - Medical Equipment Safety Inspection
March 19 - Conducted C3F shot-ex.
March 28-29 - Medical Readiness Inspection
April 10 - Personnel Inspection conducted.
April 12 - Conducted CPR class.
April 19 - COMPHIBGRU-3/Medical monthly visit.
May 5-14 - LINCOLN JTFEX Phase II.
May 22 - Conducted CPR class.
May 29 - COMPHIBGRU-3/Medical monthly visit.
June 3 - CPR/First Aid/Tricare training held for Command Indoc.
June 19, 26 - Smoking Cessation class held.
July 2 - Smoking Cessation class.
July 22 - Medical coverage for command PRT for the week.
Aug 7 - Tour of medical spaces and visit by Surface Force Medical Officer. This was also an opportunity for the junior corpsman to see and know who the Force Medical Officer is and address him with issues and concerns.
Aug 12 - COMPHIBGRU-3/Medical monthly visit.

d. **DECK DEPARTMENT**

(1) Safely conducted 11 underway replenishments.

(2) Safely conducted 14 anchoring evolutions.

(3) Successfully completed INSURV, CART II, and FEP.

(4) Conducted multiple gunnery exercises to include Close-In Weapons Systems (CIWIS) and .50 Caliber Pacific Firings (PACFIRES), as well as Shotgun and 9mm Familiarization Fires.

(5) Acquired a new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) and corresponding slew boat davit. The capabilities of the RHIB are a great improvement compared to its predecessor, a motor whaleboat.

e. COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

(1) The Communications Department is made up of three divisions: Technical Control, Fleet Messaging Center and Network Operations. In addition, the Department administers two special assistants, the Electronic Key Management System Manager and the Information Systems Security Manager. The second largest department onboard, the Communications Department is comprised of five commissioned officers, six Chief Petty Officers and 65 enlisted members. This highly integrated team of professional communication managers and technical experts provides all facets of C4I support to the embarked Commander, THIRD Fleet.

(2) In July, LT (b)(6) relieved LCDR (b)(6) as the Communications Officer.

(3) The Communications Department completed a record number of exercises, events, installations and innovations:

(a) Participated in the communication intensive exercises JTFEX 02-02, JTFEX 03-01, Rogue X, CAPEX, SPIRAL 3 and Millennium Challenge 2002.

(b) Successfully passed numerous inspections with above average marks including 3M (passed), CART II (passed), TSTA and FEP ("A" rating), INSURV (SAT) and CCC-19 (89%).

(c) Installed 63 NIPR and SIPR drops, the Defense Message Dissemination System and a portable UHF antenna, which was instrumental to the success of the Millennium Challenge exercise.

(4) Upgraded the following systems:

Global Command & Control System - Maritime v. 3.1.2.1
Theatre Battle Management Core System v. 1.1
Naval Tactical Command Support System - Afloat v. Birch Plus
Command & Control Personal Computer v. 5.0.2.3 & 5.6.3.0
Coalition Wide Area Network
NSIPS v. 0.2.19.0
NAVMACS II v. 2.2.2.2.1

(5) Completed the overhaul of twenty HF, VHF and UHF antenna systems.

(6) Successfully integrated Jots19 Mission Intelligence Database with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

(7) Successfully implemented the GDS 2000 Help Desk and transitioned to the Asset Navigator Help Desks.

(8) Successfully integrated the following systems together: Naval Fires Network, Tactical Exploitation System-Navy, Galaxy System and the Global Broadcast System.

(9) Became the first ship to test an E-1 (2.048MB/sec) data rate via the CA-III.

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(10) Processed over 455,000 incoming and 6,700 outgoing messages.

(11) Completed 2,500 IT-related trouble calls.

(12) Provided direct support to 450 ship's force personnel and 400 staff personnel.

f. COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM (CRP)

(1) Pluralistic CRP Worship Opportunities:

Collateral-duty ministers provided weekly Bible Study on Tuesday evenings; Roman Catholic, General Protestant, Islamic and Latter Day Saints Worship Opportunities were provided during underway periods by:

- 1 Baptist General Conference Chaplain
- 1 Roman Catholic Chaplain
- 2 Roman Catholic Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- 1 non-denominational Bible Study Leader
- 1 Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (LDS) Lay Leader
- 1 Islamic Lay Reader

(2) Invocations were delivered for Change of Command, total of three retirement ceremonies and Command Holiday Party this Calendar Year.

(3) Conducted Thanksgiving and Christmas services with C3F.

(4) In conjunction with C3F, conducted a 9/11 Remembrance Service on 11 September.

(5) Conducted 10 Burial at Sea ceremonies on 10 September 2002 during underway in Southern California Operation Area.

(6) Sponsored staff/crew to attend Personal Growth retreat (PGR) through Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operations (CREDO).

(7) Command Chaplain prepared and edited 450 Deployment Preparedness Guide booklets for staff and crew.

(8) Assisted 5 families during Holiday Food Drives. Assisted 7 families of Staff and Crew with \$25.00 vouchers during Thanksgiving. Coordinated through NAVSTA San Diego Chaplain's Office.

(9) Assisted 2 families of Staff and Crew with toys during Toys for Tots Drive for Christmas coordinated through CNRSW Chaplain Department.

(10) Crew participated in a Community Relations Project at San Francisco Children's Hospital on 17 March. Six participants visited children in the oncology ward.

(11) Crew participated in a Community Relations Project at Mazatlan, Mexico on 14 September. 50 participants were involved in the Ciudad de los Ninos Orphanage by helping with general painting and repair work.

g. AIR DEPARTMENT

(1) During CY 2002, CORONADO's Air Department built upon its outstanding reputation of safety and professionalism. CORONADO set flight quarters more than 170 times performing more than 1,737 evolutions and moving 935 passengers, mostly VIPs. During this time the Air Department transferred more than 86,000 gallons of JP-5 (Aviation Fuel) to fuel Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and the ship's Assured Power Diesel Generators.

(2) During both exercises and training underway periods in 2002, the Air Department flawlessly executed flight operations in support of Commander, THIRD Fleet and his staff. During C3F's many flights to participating ships during exercises, CORONADO always provided a "green deck" in a safe and expeditious manner. CORONADO also provided an available deck to qualify and train pilots from several operational and fleet replacement squadrons.

(3) In March, the Air Department was re-certified on its Aviation Certification by ASIR and the Aviation Assist Visit was upgraded to an Aviation Readiness Qualification with high praise from the Afloat Training Group inspectors.

(4) In May, the flight deck was resurfaced.

(5) As custodian of the ship's tent, Air Department participated in all special events onboard including CORONADO's Change of Command Ceremony and several retirement ceremonies for C3F personnel.

h. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

(1) January 30 - NAVSESS Philadelphia completed the installation of Automatic Boiler Control to No. 1 and 2 Boiler.

(2) February 24 - Completed PMA '02. Ship's Force and Southwest Marine Company successfully and safely completed No. 1 and 2 Boiler Plant Light-Off and Sea Trials.

(3) April 4 - First PHIBGRU steam ship to get underway for an Initial Assessment in over two years. The Engineering plant cleanliness was rated as above fleet average by ATGPAC.

(4) May 11 - First asbestos rip-out at-sea performed by CORONADO'S Emergency Asbestos Rip-out Team (EART). This evolution proved CORONADO'S self-sufficiency to fix material and equipment casualty at-sea without repair activity assistance.

(5) May 20 - No. 1 and 2 Assured Power Diesel Generator Inspection conducted by FTSCPAC Diesel Inspection Team. A highly successful inspection with results showed zero RBOs and discrepancies although marked as major was initial installation design deficiency.

(6) June 4 - NSWCCD-SSES completed SHIPALT AGF11-5051K. Conversion of No. 11 and 12 air conditioning plant refrigerants from CFC-114 to environmentally safe HFC-236fa.

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(7) July 3 - Early certification of two Fairbanks-Morse Emergency Diesel Generators and two Caterpillar Assured Power Diesel Generators during Pre-CART II visit conducted by ISIC. All Safety checks were performed and completed expeditiously with zero RBOs and minor discrepancies.

(8) July 14 - Successfully completed CARTII. The Engineering Department also achieved the early MSF and CBR certification. Watch standers were commended for their smooth, safe and professional execution during Engineering Casualty Control Drills.

(9) October 19 - Underway Demonstration was completed 2 months ahead of schedule achieving a certification for unrestricted engineering operations. All engineering evolution were performed and completed in a highly professional manner.

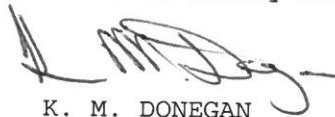
(10) November 22 - Completed installation of 3000 Lb. Conveyor Photo Cells.

(11) November 23 - 85 LB Package Conveyor. Level two assessment/testing was completed. All Repair Before Operate discrepancies were corrected.

(12) December 7 - Completed No. 1 and 2 Emergency Diesel Inspection with zero RBO. All major discrepancies were corrected during the inspection and DFS authorized by SURFPAC QA for normal wear and tear on the engine blower.

(13) December 12 - Successfully completed the inter-deployment cycle and FEP.

(14) December 17 - FTSCPAC and Ship's Force completed start-up maintenance, operational testing/certification and weight test of 3000 LB Conveyor after 4 years of in-operation due to safety and design deficiency.



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